

Offer of gas and power by PoK Government

841. SHRI T.S. BAJWA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Pakistan-occupied Kashmir has offered to supply gas and electricity to J&K as a goodwill gesture; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA J. PATEL): (a) Government does not recognise the so called Government in 'Pakistan Occupied Kashmir".

No offer has been received from the Government of Pakistan in this regard.

(b) Does not arise.

Augmented gas supply to Andhra Pradesh

842. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry had received requests from the State Government of Andhra Pradesh for augmentation of gas supply to their 4 gas-based projects of total 999 mw capacity;

(b) if so, the details of such requests;

(c) the reasons for not supplying the required quantum of gas to the State despite promises made by the Ministry for supply of 0.5 MCMD of gas by September, 2005 and additional supply of 2 MCMD gas to the State from 2nd quarter of 2006; and

(d) by when this augmented gas supply will be started for the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA J. PATEL): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Against a total allocation of 4.85 MMSCMD to 4 existing gas based power projects in Andhra Pradesh, the supply has been around 3.68 MMSCMD.

Transmission Corporation of Andhra Pradesh Limited (APTRANSCO) has requested to augment the gas supply for these power projects.

(c) and (d) The low supply of gas is because of limited production of natural gas in the area and lack of connectivity of this grid to any other production centre/R-LNG terminal.